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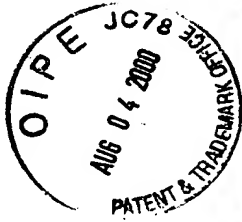
In re application of:

NI *et al.*

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For: **Galectin 9 and 10SV Polypeptides**
(As Amended)



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Reply to Restriction Requirement and Third Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **June 20, 2000** (Paper No. 8), Applicants provisionally elect, *with traverse*, Group I, represented by claims 17-23, 28-34, 37-43, 46-51, and 54-59, for further prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions should the restriction requirement be made final.

It is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered in advance of substantive examination.

Amendment

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 17-23, 28-61, 71-76, and 81-89 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.